

NASN Elections 2017

Candidate Data and Statement of View

President Elect

Judith Ann Morgitan, M.Ed, BSN, RN, CSN

Current NASN Affiliate

Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners (PASNAP)

Major Clinical, Teaching, or Practice Area

School Nurse, Elementary and Secondary

Educator

Education

Eastern University, Master's Degree in Health Education, 1994

Wagner College, Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1975

Awards, Achievements, and Honors

Healthy Schools Campaign - Outstanding Mental Health Champion Award, May 2016

Gwynedd-Mercy College School of Nursing, Nursing Excellence Award, May 2009

Pennsylvania Department of Education Specialist, School Nurse Certification, 1994-Present

Employment

Perkiomen Valley School District, Coordinator/Department Chairperson Health Services and Certified School Nurse, Perkiomen Valley High School, 1998-Present

As the Coordinator/Chair for Perkiomen Valley School District's Health Services department, my responsibilities include addressing the health needs and concerns for the PVSD school community including coordination and delivery of PA's mandated school health program for elementary and secondary level students; assisting in the formulation of health policies; conducting monthly department meetings; working with Staff Development Coordinator in providing appropriate in-service education for nursing staff, professional and paraprofessional staff, bus drivers, food service personnel on student health issues; assisting in selecting new department personnel and their orientation along with substitute nurses; serving as mentor for

new nurse employees; developing annual health services budget and reviewing all budget requests. I serve as Chairperson of the Student Health Advisory Council, District Blood Drive Coordinator, am a member of the Safety Committee and Professional Development Committee. In addition, I am the Certified School Nurse at Perkiomen Valley High School. My responsibilities include coordinating and delivering state mandated school health services to approximately 1,890 students ninth through twelfth grades. In addition, I am a member of the Student Assistance Team, Community Connect Team, Mental Health Crisis Team and health educator for specific curriculum topics in high school health classes.

Other Significant Positions Held

Adjunct Professor, Eastern University, St. David's, PA, 2016 - Present

Certified School Nurse, Phoenixville Area School District, Phoenixville, PA, 1987-1998

Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Unit, Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 1979-1981

Present NASN Offices/Appointments

None at present

Past NASN Offices/Appointments

Pennsylvania (PA) NASN Director, 2009-2014

NASN Strategic Plan Steering Committee, 2013

NASN Executive Board, 2011-2013

NASN Executive Board Strategic Committee – Governance, Co-Leader, 2011-2013

Public Relations/Advocacy, 2010-2011

NASN Nominating Committee – 2010-2011

NASN Strategic Committee assignments – Governance, 2009-2010

Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments

PASNAP President, 2015-Present

Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments

PASNAP President Elect/Conference Coordinator, 2013-2015

PA NASN Director, 2009-2014

PASNAP Southeast Region Representative, 2008-2009

PASNAP Public Relations Chair, 2000-2002

PASNAP Newsletter Editor, 1997-2000

Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations

PA State Education Association School Nurse Section Past-President, 2014-Present

PA State Education Association Department of Pupil Services President, 2011-Present

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PA State Education Association Department of Pupil Services Vice President, 2006-2011

Montgomery County School Nurses Association President, 2005-2011

PA State Education Association School Nurse Section President, 2002-2004

Publications Significant to School Nursing

National Association of School Nurses. (2014). *School-sponsored before, after and extended school year programs: The role of the school nurse* (Position Statement). Retrieved from <http://www.nasn.org/PolicyAdvocacy/PositionPapersandReports/NASNPositionStatementsFullView/tabid/462/ArticleId/643/School-Sponsored-Before-After-and-Extended-School-Year-Programs-The-Role-of-the-School-Nurse-Adopted>

National Association of School Nurses. (2013). *Drug testing in schools* (Position Statement). Retrieved from <http://www.nasn.org/PolicyAdvocacy/PositionPapersandReports/NASNPositionStatementsFullView/tabid/462/ArticleId/568/Drug-Testing-in-Schools-Adopted-June-2013>

National Association of School Nurses. (2012). *Standardized nursing languages* (Position Statement). Silver Spring, MD: Author. (Retired)

National Association of School Nurses. (2012). *Chronic health conditions managed by school nurses* (Position Statement). <http://www.nasn.org/PolicyAdvocacy/PositionPapersandReports/NASNPositionStatementsFullView/tabid/462/ArticleId/17/Chronic-Health-Conditions-Managed-by-School-Nurses-Revised-January-2012>

National Association of School Nurses. (2011). *Role of the School Nurse* (Position Statement). Silver Spring, MD: Author. (Retired)

Presentations Significant to School Nursing

Mylan Specialty Blogger Summit Panel. (2013, August 22-23). *Section 504 plans, individual education plans and individual health care plans for the allergic student*. New York, New York.

18th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Breakout Session. (2012, April 16). *Beyond the surface of student complaints – The role of the school nurse*. Washington, D.C.

National Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Panel. (2012, March 11). *Effective educators and support staff working with students*. New York, New York.

6th Annual Pennsylvania State Education Association Department of Pupil Services Conference Breakout Session. (2006, August 4). *American nurses' association food safety in schools program*. State College, PA.

Pennsylvania State Education Association Mid-eastern Region Fall Leadership Conference Breakout Session. (2005, November 9). *Student health issues*. Seaview, N.J.

Research Significant to School Nursing

None at present

Statement of View

I have a PASSION for school nursing, am equally passionate about NASN and very humbled to be a candidate for President Elect. I am PROUD to be a school nurse! With 29 years of school nursing experience, serving as a past NASN State Director and past NASN Executive Board member, I clearly understand NASN's mission. Leading the transformation of school health is NASN's vision and I want to be part of that plan!

Henry Ford once said "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Membership growth must continue if NASN is to remain a lifeline to all school nurses and school nurse associations in our nation. My focus will be utilizing member to member contact and our latest technological communication to engage new and retain current members, including all partners at different levels of school nursing. Increasing support to our state affiliates will also promote member involvement and the development of future NASN leaders.

Advocacy and collaboration with other professional organizations must be a continuing process if our goal of school nurse funding is to become a future reality. We need to be recognized and funded as the healthcare provider that we are for our students. Utilizing pertinent research

and available finances will also allow us to continue providing evidence based guidelines, position documents and publications specific to our school nursing practice. All of these efforts will promote school nurse positions and move us closer to accomplishing our recommended 1:750 ratio.

Reality tells us that each NASN goal is a challenge but that does not mean it is unattainable. I am ready and willing to serve as your President Elect, working *with you and for you* to achieve our goals. Together we can!

This President Elect candidate completed the Nominating Committee process.